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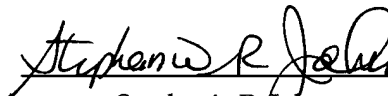
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing Figures 1 and 2 is attached following page 19 of this paper.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.